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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Kenneth MC CHEUNG et al.

Serial No.: 10/648,158

Filed: August 25, 2003

For: Device for Correcting Spinal Deformities

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

SIR:

PETITION

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of the original shortened statutory response period set in the Office Action of October 6, 2009. Please charge our PTO Deposit Account No. 03-2412 in the amount of \$ 65 in payment of the government fee for a one-month extension of time so that the period for response is extended to February 6, 2010.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the present application may be charged to our PTO Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

RESPONSE

This Amendment/Submission is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.